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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, RI

SUBJECT : Pouch Restriction Waiver Request and Certification

REFERENCE : HRCW-582

1. It is requested that the provisions of CSI No. 110-2 be waived and that the referenced dispatch number and its attachments and separate cover attachments be forwarded to the field via diplomatic air pouch.

2. The above request is submitted for the following reasons:

A. Station Ciudad Trujillo has requested that Headquarters provide four M3 machine guns and 240 rounds of ammunition on a priority basis for issuance to a small action group to be used for self protection.

B. A determination has been made that the issuance of this equipment to the action group is desirable if for no other reason than to assure this important group's continued cooperation with and confidence in this Agency's determination to live up to its earlier commitments to the group. These commitments took the form of advising the group in January 1961 that we would provide limited arms and assistance to them provided they developed the capability to receive it. Operational circumstances have prevented this group from developing the assets capable of receiving the above equipment through normal clandestine channels such as air drops or sea infiltration.

3. I certify that all other transmission facilities listed in CSI No. 110-2 have been considered and found inappropriate.

Chief,
Western Hemisphere Division

Approved:

(Signed) Robert A. Smith, Jr.

Deputy Director (Plans)

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